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DEAD MAN FOUND IN BARN.

Body of Al Johnson Discovered Wednesday.

WOOD ALCOHOL BOTTLE NEAR.

Had Evidently Been Dead for Over a Week—Body Found by Monroe Myers—Johnson Had Been Employed at the Hotel Conrad for Nearly Twenty Years.

The body of Albert Johnston, a colored man 51 years of age, employed at the Hotel Conrad for the past twenty years, was found Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 3:30 o'clock in the haymow of the barn in the rear of the Hotel Conrad, formerly occupied by H. V. Kramer. Beside the body were found two bottles, both empty, one labeled wood alcohol and the other evidently having contained whisky. The discovery was made by Monroe Myers, who has been employed by S. A. Conrad for the past two or three days, carrying brick into the barn for the purpose of remodeling it into store rooms.

Wednesday morning Mr. Myers noticed the man lying in a corner of the haymow. He recognized the face, and noticing the empty bottles, supposed that Johnston, was simply sleeping off a drunk. No closer examination was made until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Myers then thought it was time for the man to awaken, and went to him. Upon a closer approach it became evident that Johnston was dead, and Myers hurried to the hotel, where the alarm was given. Lanterns were procured and accompanied by Charles Hodnot, the porter at the Hotel Conrad, a closer exaimnation was made. Johnston had apparently been dead for over a week, although the large quantity of wood alcohol and whisky absorbed had helped to preserve the body, which was stretched across a bundle of hay in a comfortable position. At the feet the hay and dust were scraped away from the boards underneath, as though his feet had been swung back and forth hundreds of times, brushing the floor clean as though swept by a broom. W. M. John's dead wagon was called and the body taken to his morgue, where it was viewed by the coroner.

Johnston was a familiar figure upon the streets of Massillon. For fully twenty years he had been connected with the Hotel Conrad as a caretaker of the boilers and general utility man. For many years he had been a hard drinker by periods. Officials at the hotel say that he would work steadily for several months, and after accumulating some money would then go out and spend every cent of it for whisky. After sobering up he would return to the hotel, and because he was a good worker would generally be given work.

About ten days ago Johnston disappeared, and it was supposed he had gone to Canton or some neighboring town. A week ago last Monday he was seen in an intoxicated condition, and, it is thought, with his bottle of wood alcohol, he climbed into the barn, through an open window, and went to the haymow above. The barn has been closed for several months, and it was only the beginning of the remodeling which sent Myers to the haymow.

Mrs. John Simms, of this city, is a sister of the dead man, and the only known relative.

The coroner viewed the body Friday morning and pronounced the cause of death alcoholism. Interment was made at 4 o'clock in the Massillon cemetery.

BARRED AS CARRIERS.

Women Will Not be Appointed on Rural Routes.

Washington, Dec. 6.—It has been discovered by the postmaster general that about twenty-five women are holding positions as carriers in the rural free delivery service and a call has been made upon Superintendent Machen of that branch for their locations. An investigation will be made to learn whether they are performing their duties as well as men could.

These appointments have been made with no reference to the sex of the applicants and the postmaster general was not aware that any women were employed. He is vigorously opposed to such appointments, inasmuch as the character of the work, in all sorts of weather and often in regions of poor roads, precludes women from doing it as well as men. No woman has ever been appointed a letter carrier in any city, and the fact that they were getting into the rural free delivery came as a complete surprise. It is certain that no more women will get into the service by that route during the tenure of office of Mr. Payne.

DEFECTIVE FLUE CAUSED FIRE.

Brown Lumber Co.'s Box Factory Destroyed.

LOSS WILL EXCEED $25,000.

Alarm Turned in at 3:25 Saturday Morning—Lack of Firemen a Handicap in Fighting the Flames—Many Acts of Bravery—Much Valuable Machinery and Lumber Destroyed.

The box factory of the Brown Lumber Company, 113-157 South Erie street, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning at 3:25 Machinery valued at between $15,000 and $20,000 was destroyed, with the factory, and several thousand dollars' worth of valuable lumber and completed work, making the total loss between $25,000 and $30,000.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue of the furnace, and was not discovered until shortly before 3:25 Saturday morning. At that time an alarm was sounded by a citizen who chanced to be passing. The department responded quickly, but the fire had already gained good headway, and flames were breaking from the doors and windows on the south side of the building. Considerable trouble was experienced by the firemen in getting citizens who were already at the scene of the fire to aid in running the hose and helping out with the tools from that part of the building which was not already in flames. The hand reels, with their volunteer firemen, failed to put in an appearance, even after half a dozen extra alarms had been turned in, and it was found necessary to take one from the small number of firemen present and send for the reels. This left only a sufficient number of men to man two streams, which were soon throwing water upon the flames. Upon the arrival of the small hand reels, other streams were soon playing upon the burning building, but with apparently no effect. The fire had become firmly lodged in the closely packed lumber and hardly any impression could be made upon it.

The building was located almost in the center of the lumber yards, and every effort was bent towards preventing the spreading of the flames to these piles of lumber. With a strong wind blowing the work was hard, and on several occasions the lumber yard caught fire. Only the layer of two or three inches of snow saved the yards, as flaming pieces of wood were thrown into the air with each fall of a wall or timbers in the center of the building, and these sparks were quickly extinguished when they fell into the snow covering the lumber piles.

The entire south end and middle of the building were destroyed, and only those tools and machinery in the north end of the building were saved.

Gus Theis, of the central fire department, was the only fireman injured. In stepping back to escape a falling piece of sheet iron, a large nail entered his foot, running almost entirely through. He was taken to the engine house, and from there to a physician, who dressed the wound.

Several acts of heroism were noticed on the part of the city firemen, Chris Baatz in particular displaying his nerve by remaining on a ladder, with a hose in his hands, while large pieces of red hot sheet iron were falling on every side of him. The entire staff of firemen, assisted by many of the volunteers under the leadership of Chief Burkle, worked like beavers at the flames, and finally gained control, after which the fire was slowly extinguished.

The fire is one of the largest which has visited Massillon since the Bee Hive fire in the fall of 1900. The building, machinery and contents were almost entirely covered by insurance. The fire was not extinguished until 5:30 Saturday morning. Twenty employes are thrown out of work by the fire.

WANTED—To purchase a cord of wood for furnace use Inquire at 119 West Main St, Massillon.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Missouri Hospital Representatives Here.

PROJECTED COMEDY DRAMA.

"Little Miss Nobody" is to be Presented in the Near Future—The Cast of Characters—The Bad Condition of the Roads Makes the Hauling of Coal Difficult.

Dr. L. H. Hall, superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent Keith, of the new Missouri state hospital, at Farmington, Mo., have been visitors at the Massillon state hospital for several days past. The object of their visit is to study the modus operandi of the local institution and the plan by which it is carried on. The hospital which they represent will be opened and dedicated next month. The two physicians will leave the first of next week for their home in Missouri.

Hereafter the hospital "at homes" will be held on Mondays. The programme on next Monday evening will be a musical one. The numbers will be furnished by both employes and patients. Dr. Eyman does not think that the patients will enjoy themselves with music as they did with the games. There will be a different form of amusement each week.

The plans for the projected play are coming along splendidly. At the rehearsal on Thursday evening the whole three acts were gone through without a break for the first time since the rehearsals have commenced. The name of the play is "Little Miss Nobody," a comedy drama in three acts. The author is Frank Dumont, who is also the author of the "Cuban Spy," which was produced at the hospital last winter. The new scenery which is required is now being painted by the scenic artist, Clarence Long. The costumes are being made at the hospital sewing room. The play will be presented two nights but the exact date has not yet been decided. The cast of characters is as follows:

Little Miss Nobody, a waif .....
....Dr. Caroline Colver
Earl Ramsey, alias Jack Mayborn
....H. L. Dyson
Bill Digger, alias Clint Ford.....
.... Dr. C. L. Harmer
Gee Ho, a Chinaman..... Frank Adair
Barney Dooley ..... Winfield Scott
Otto Snitzpounerkooker .. Don R. Stroupe
Berry Periwinkle ....Warren Shannbrook
Bob Brenham, (Electro Muscell) .....
....Frank Edleman
Uncle Dave, a man of mystery..Geo. Weirs
Widow Skerrit ..... Mrs. Lona White

But a small amount of work remains to be done on the foundations of the new buildings when the work already done will be covered over for the winter and finished next spring.

On account of the bad condition of the roads the coal wagons are not able to haul any reserve coal. In fact they have all they can do to keep a sufficient supply in the boiler room to keep the fires going as they should. Dr. Eyman petitioned the emergency board to have a switch constructed but the petition was not acted upon. Should the condition of the roads grow much worse coal cannot be carried at all. Each wagon requires four horses.

The supply of unread books in the hospital library is growing small very fast. Nearly all the patients who read at all have read the books nearly through once and some have even started a second time. A few benevolent citizens have been sending down old papers and magazines which the patients enjoy very much. Dr. Eyman has a plan which he says worked with success in Cleveland and which, he thinks, if tried here would work too. The plan is to place at a convenient down town point a large box made something like a mail box into which the public could drop papers and magaiznes for the patients at the hospital. The hospital wagon would then call and collect each day. Dr. Eyman says in this way many of the patients at Newburg received their supply of reading matter. Dr. Eyman hopes that this will be done here.

As is the custom the hospital is sending out cards to friends and relatives of patients stating that any gift for Christmas which they may feel disposed to send to the institution will be given to their friends or relatives at the distribution of presents on Christmas eve. A card is also sent to each firm with which the hospital deals. In this way presents are obtained for the patients who have neither friends nor relatives. As usual, there will be two Christmas trees this year.

Dr. J. McC. McGeorge, of the hospital staff, is on his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dyson have resigned from the hospital staff. They will remove to Hiram where Mr. Dyson will engage in business.

WILLIAM PENMAN FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Returns Verdict in One Hour.

FINE AMOUNTS TO $74.75.

Frank Stets, John Baughman and William McFarren, Companions of Penman, Pleaded Guilty and are Fined $10 and Costs—Conductor Butts of the B. & O. Fined for Obstructing the West Main Street Crossing—A. Gallo's Case.

The jury in the case of the state of Ohio vs. William Penman, returned a verdict of guilty of hunting on one Charles Biehl's farm at Elton without a permit. The case was given to the jury Friday evening at 4:30 after Attorneys Eggert and McCaughey for the defense, and Eugene Willison for the prosecution, had delivered their final addresses to the jury, which was out just one hour. The evidence submitted was very contradictory, Mr. and Mrs. Biehl testifying that they positively saw Penman on the farm, in company with others, on the day stated, and the defense testifying that they were hunting on the railroad track.

Squire Sibila, in whose court the trial took place, fined Penman $10 and costs. The costs in the case amounted to $64.75, making his total fine $74.75. Frank Stetz, John Baughman and William McFarren, who were arrested on the same complaint, pleaded guilty and were given the same sentence, their fine amounting to $14.75 each. The names of the jurymen were: William Brannon, S. W. Goudy, Benjamin Doll, R. Clementz, August Brown, W. W. Welker, Anthony Reichard, William Bantz, Albert Hudson, John Powell, sr., E. M. Shufelt and Peter Snyder.

Conductor William Butts, of the B & O, was arraigned before Mayo Bell, Friday afternoon, on a charge of obstructing the West Main street crossing for more than the time allowed by the state law Conductor Butts was fined the costs, his case being somewhat more excusable than the ordinary ones.

John Justyak, the Italian against whom charges of criminal slander were filed by Mrs J Botosko, early this week, was arrested Saturday morning at the Republic Iron and Steel Company' plant. The hearing was set for next Tuesday evening, before Squire Sibila

The case of A Gallo against the B. & O Railroad Company, for damages to the extent of $300, caused by a delay in delivering a car load of fruit, will come up before Squire Sibila Monday, December 15

GALLAGHER RECAPTURED.

Escaped From the County Jail Two Years Ago.

Canton, Dec. 6.—Edward Gallagher, who escaped from the county jail on June 27, 1900, has been captured and is lodged in jail at Monroe, Mich. After two years of liberty Gallagher has been caught through the efforts of Prosecuting Attorney Robert H Day and Sheriff Frank McKinney. In the jail delivery in June, 1900, six other prisoners also secured their freedom. Since that time nearly all of them have been taken into custody. Gallagher was committed to the county jail on May 31, 1900, by Mayor Wise, of Massillon. He was charged with rape and a little girl named Susie Nell was named in the charge against him as the victim. The alleged assault took place near Massillon Sheriff McKinney left Saturday afternoon for Monroe. He expects to have Gallagher again in the county jail by Sunday evening At the time of the jail delivery a reward of $25 was offered for the capture of the escaped prisoners by Sheriff Zaiser

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THE DEATH OF WILLIAM MILLER.

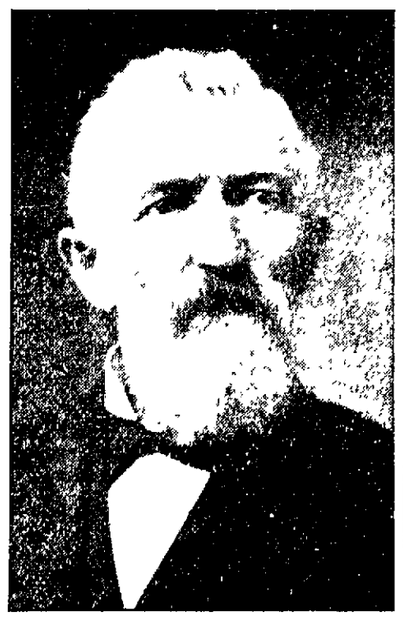
Respected Citizen Passes Away Friday Morning.

HAD BEEN ILL TWO WEEKS.

Mr. Miller was Born in Germany, but Came to Massillon When He was Ten Years Old and Has Been in the Employ of Russell & Co. for the Past Forty-Six Years—Death of Mrs. T. S. Bates.

William T. Miller, aged 73 years, one of Massillon's oldest citizens, passed away at his home, 106 East South street, on Friday morning at 5:30, having been ill for over two weeks past with pneumonia.

Mr. Miller was born in Saxony, Germany, on March 8, 1829 At the age of ten years he removed with his parents to this country and came at once to Massillon He learned the moulder's trade at Hart & Brown's foundry, now the Hess Snyder Co. On May 30, 1852, he was married to Miss Mary Moser, of West Brookfield, by the Rev. Mr.



Steiner After the wedding Mr. and Mrs Miller drove to Akron where they spent their honeymoon Since that time they have resided in Massillon and Mr Miller has worked continuously at his trade at Russell & Co.'s Up to the time of his last illness he had worked steadily for 46 years. The immediate relatives who survive Mr Miller are his wife; his children, Mrs Charles E. Oberlin, Mrs Marion Coleman, Mrs John Routson, Albert and William Miller, of this city, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Roesle, of Canton, and Augustus Miller, of this city Mr. Miller was a member of the Moulders' Union and the Russell & Co.'s Employes' Mutual Benefit Association. It was this union that presented Mr. Miller with a beautiful chair on his 50th wedding anniversary, on May 30 last.

MRS. GERTRUDE BATES.

Mrs. Gertrude Bates, aged 29 years, wife of T. S. Bates, died of apoplexy at her home, 48 South Erie street, at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Her husband and parents survive her. A short funeral service took place at the house in South Erie street at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. The body will be taken to Arcanum, the home of the parents of the deceased, at 5:42 o'clock for burial.

MRS DANIEL BLACKSTONE

West Lebanon, Dec 6 —Mrs Daniel Blackstone, aged 88 years, died here Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Snyder The funeral will take place on Sunday at 9:30 from the Lutheran church, the Rev. Mr. Berry, of West Brookfield, officiating. Mrs. Mary Snyder and Mrs. Melissa Sailer, of Massillon, are daughters of the deceased

CHRISTIAN SMITH

West Lebanon, Dec 6 —Word was received here Friday of the death at Fort Caswell, N. C, of Sergeant Christian Smith, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Smith, of West Lebanon. The body, accompanied by Mrs Smith, wife of the deceased, will b brought home on Sunday The funeral will probably be held on Monday. Sergeant Smith was 23 years of age He had been ill only a few days.

WILLIAM HUSTEN.

William Husten, sr., aged 72 years, died at his home, near Goat Hill, Friday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and an adopted son, William Husten, jr. Death followed a stroke of paralysis.

Bargains in books at Lantzer's.

COBOUGH-GARRIGUES.

A Canton Wedding in Which Massillonians Took Part.

The Canton Repository contains the following account of the marriage of Miss Mable Ellen Cobaugh, of Canton, to Mr. William Garrigues, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garrigues, of this city: The ceremony was performed Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cobaugh, of 710 North Walnut street, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the two families. The affair was quite informal. The bride was attired in white Paris lawn and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The service was pronounced by the Rev. O. W. Holmes, of the First M. E. church, and the wedding march was played by Mrs. William Hansam. A wedding supper was served, and at its close the bride and groom were driven to the Pennsylvania station, where they left for the East. They were accompanied by a crowd of relatives to the station, and the custom of throwing rice, tieing white ribbons upon the trunks and blowing horns was observed. A short wedding journey will be taken by them, and on their return they will make their home in Massillon. Miss Cobaugh was a well known young Canton woman, and Mr. Garrigues is a draughtsman in Massillon.

MR. SCHUSTER'S PROPOSITION.

Will take Twenty Shares of Hospital Stock.

BUT ONE CONDITION IMPOSED.

The City Will be Asked to Put an Electric Light in Front of the Brewery in West Street—Mrs. Schuster will Furnish a Hospital Ward—The Soliciting Committee Meeting with Success.

The soliciting committee appointed by the citizens interested in the city hospital movement are meeting with marked success in their canvass for subscriptions. One of the best propositions submitted since the committee has been at work was made Friday by J. W. Schuster. Mr. Schuster subscribed for ten shares of stock, and agreed to take another ten shares if the city will place an electric light in front of his brewery in West street. In addition to this another thirty shares will be subscribed when $20,000 has been raised for the hospital. Mrs. Schuster has also agreed to furnish a ward in the hospital, making a total subscription of over $600. Many business men, who are expected to subscribe liberally, are taking time to consider the question. All are heartily in favor of the project, and with them it is only a question of how much they will give.

Attorney F. L. Baldwin, who was selected by the citizens' committee to apply for the charter, received word Thursday that the charter would cost $50, or 1 per cent of the stock. A meeting will be called in a few days for the purpose of raising this amount.

Mayor Bell said Saturday, in speaking of the hospital project: "One of the necessites, when the organization is completed, will be the organization of a ladies' auxiliary." This question will be brought up at the next meeting, and steps made towards the completion of such an organization.

WILL DEMAND MORE PAY.

Resolution Adopted at Miners' Convention.

Coshocton, O., Dec 5—The sixth district miners' convention came to an end here today after selecting Zanesville as the next meeting place. Before adjourning a resolution was adopted placing the four thousand miners of this sub-division on record for a demand of twenty per cent increase in wages, to be made in January. Another was adopted favoring an increase of the defense fund for strikes, and also that the benefits of the striking miners begin the second instead of the fifth week of the strike. President Green was voted a salary of seventy dollars a month, and the per capita assessment was raised from five cents a quarter to five cents a month.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1902.

Saturday morning's fire again demonstrated the fact that what Massillon's fire department lacks in equipment it makes up in the bravery of its firemen. That the city needs more and better fire fighting apparatus goes without saying. It may need more fire fighters, but it could not have better ones.

Thousands of dollars will be lost to this city if something is not done to enable the Akron-Canton Electric Railway Company to better its facilities for transportation. As Councilman Miller says, Massillon now draws probably 20 per cent of the business from the southern section of the road. If the franchise for the Tremont-Mill street loop should be granted that percentage would be increased to fully 75 per cent. Why a project carrying such advantages should be blocked is what nobody seems to know.

If there was any more evidence needed to show that the abolishing of the army canteen has done an incalculable amount of harm it is here in the shape of Paymaster General Bates's report to the secretary of war. The paymaster general says his records show that army paymasters collected from about 75,000 regular enlisted men during the last year in which the canteen was in force, on account of soldiers' home dues, fines and forfeitures, the sum of $462,698, while during the fiscal year 1902, since the abolishment of the canteen, there was collected from about 70,000 regulars on the same account $632,125, thus showing that during the first year subsequent to the abolishment of the canteen there was $169,426 more collected from enlisted men than during the last year of the operation of the canteen, with more men in the service. This increase cannot well be attributed to any other cause than the effects of an uncontrolled liquor traffic in connection with the military posts, which traffic appears to seriously affect the discipline and morale of the army.

ENGLAND'S MISTAKE.

With the Boer war hardly over Great Britain finds herself face to face with a very different foe in east Africa. The Sheik Abdullah, known to stay-at-home Britons as the "Mad Mullah," is heading an uprising in Somaliland which is likely to give Britain considerable trouble before she is through with it. And, strange to say, she seems to be repeating in east Africa the great primary mistake for which she had to pay so dearly in south Africa, that of misunderstanding her foe, of sending mere handfuls of men to meet the Arab hordes, that, driven by fanatic zeal, half religious, half patriotic, have attached themselves to the "Mad Mullah's" standard.

Africa's great eastern horn, washed on the north by the Gulf of Aden, on the east by the Indian ocean, is Somaliland, the scene of the present uprising. A strip perhaps ten miles wide, extending along its entire coast line, is under the "protection" of one or another of the European powers. Abyssinia, upon the Red sea, is under Italian "influence;" the French "sphere of influence" begins at the Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb and extends about 100 miles eastward along the Gulf of Aden; all the rest of the gulf's shore has acknowledged British "influence", while Italy's domination begins eighty or ninety miles south of Guardafui and extends along the coast southward to the equator and then up in a narrow strip almost but not quite to Abyssinia.

On the maps the interior of this great horn is left uncolored, as being for the present native territory, "uninfluenced" and "unprotected" Presumably Britain wants this; or perchance it is merely that the "Mad Mullah" is mad enough to think she does. The British government there has been administered by consul general and political agent subordinate to Aden, across the gulf, which is also a British possession. But the Mad Mullah has declared for freedom and has called upon his tribesmen to rise up and shake off the British yoke.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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It pays to try our want columns

CHRISTMAS TRIFLES

SOME PRESENTS THE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER CAN MAKE.

Art and Sentiment Combined in Holiday Greetings—Arrangement of Prints and Decoration of Borders. Stenciled Cards.

A merry Christmas begins many a day before its actual date, as we all well know, being one of those good things that require vigorous preparatory measures. Small articles of home manufacture represent a considerable proportion of its gifts, and as nearly everybody takes photographs some

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

suggestions on utilizing them as attractive Christmas mementos may prove useful. While the stereotyped Christmas card can no longer be considered one of the high lights on the "glass of fashion," something of the card kind may be transformed by the thoughtfulness of its maker into a unique and characteristic remembrance. And what prettier idea than that our Christmas token should recall scenes familiar to sender and recipient alike, especially when sending to friends at a distance? Much individuality may be expressed in arrangements of still life (bric-a-brac, fruit, etc.). Flowers and plants always make pretty compositions, but it is best to choose seasonable ones, such as holly, mistletoe, etc.

We shall probably get the most pleasing results if we aim at securing a decorative quality in our work. This may be either in the photograph itself (as in the case of flowers, grasses, etc.), or it may be introduced by accessory work, such as borders or other ornamentation in pen and ink or wash. Very pretty effects may be obtained by using two photographs in combination, one as a background to the other. A group of views arranged in some novel manner would also afford scope for much originality.

A simple border can easily be added to any photograph and will give a finish to the picture. Lettering (mottoes) must be carefully done and a style of type chosen which harmonizes best with the general character of the "card."

Charming effects may be obtained by coloring the photographs, and if a mat surface printing paper be used there are no difficulties in the way. In the case of flowers and still life for coloring the easiest way is to print rather lighter than usual.

Those who are neither amateur photographers nor colorists will find stenciling useful and easy in getting up some trifles, usually on the amusing or grotesque order. Tracings may be made from any suitable design, such as the second cut, which should be enlarged, and when the outline is transferred to

A STENCILED CHRISTMAS GREETING.

stiff cartridge paper those parts that are black in the drawings will be carefully marked on the copy, and a sharp penknife will be used at the point to cut away these sections. The black paint is applied with a short, stiff brush and put on as nearly dry as possible.

A Hint to Poker Artists.

A suggestion, gathered from bitter experience, may not be amiss. The platinum points upon which the success of pyrography rests and which are so expensive need care. The hardest wear upon them comes perhaps from an accumulation of ashes, which eventually hardens like stone if not removed. Then it is apt to dent the platinum if pressure is used and finally causes it to crack and break. This stony layer also acts as a nonconductor of heat, thus reducing the usefulness of the point. A good remedy for this trouble is a little powdered pumice stone, kept close at hand, in which the point may be rubbed whenever the ashes begin to gather. Rub gently but firmly until the platinum shines like new, and you will find that you are less often hindered by broken tools and much aided by the good condition of the same.

STRIKE COMMISSION.

Two Sightless and Otherwise Badly Injured Miners Give Testimony.

INDEPENDENTS MAY SELL OUT.

Nothing Can Be Learned Regarding Reported Settlement Outside of Commission—Mr. MacVeagh Fears Testimony Will Increase Bitterness.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—The lawyers of the mine workers continued to call witnesses yesterday before the strike commission to testify to the alleged blacklisting methods pursued by several coal companies in refusing to reemploy strikers who took a more prominent part in the affairs of the mine workers' union during the recent suspension. All of them said they had been employed before the strike, but were refused their old places after the strike was ended. In most cases, according to the testimony, no satisfactory reason was given why they were not taken back. Two blind men, who were also otherwise badly injured by underground explosions, were presented as living evidence of the dangers in the mines. When the commission adjourned for the day the Rev. J. J. Curran, the Roman Catholic clergyman of Wilkesbarre, who took a prominent part in the miners' cause during the recent strike, was on the witness stand. Only one session was held to-day, adjournment being taken at 1 p. m.

Nothing could be learned here yesterday with reference to the reported efforts at a settlement outside the commission. None of the attorneys for either side professed to know anything about any contemplated move in that direction. Wayne McVeigh, who is representing the Erie coal properties, was the only attorney in a position to know who would talk about the matter. He left here, accompanied by Commissioner Perker, at 3:35 yesterday afternoon over the Lackawanna railroad for New York.

Amicable Settlement Problematical.

Mr. McVeagh, before leaving, stated to the correspondent of the Associated Press that a majority of the operators thought it better to adjourn all efforts to reach by amicable conferences a basis for the award of the commission until both sides had presented all the testimony they wished to offer. Whether the efforts to reach such a basis will be then resumed can only be decided after the testimony is closed.

Mr. MacVeagh added that he possibly thought, in view of the extraordinary conditions existing in the anthracite region that this was a mistaken attitude for the operators to assume, as he feared each day's testimony would tend to increase the bitterness of feeling; but it was not only the right but the duty of the operators to act on their own judgment of the situation, and he sincerely hoped the result would fully justify the conclusion they reached.

From this expression it is taken that Mr. MacVeagh was opposed to the calling off of the negotiations last week. It is his sincere hope that an agreement will be effected, and it is known that the commissioners hope for an agreement on many if not all the important points at issue.

MR. REED'S CONDITION BETTER.

Former Speaker Slowly Improving, but Is Still in Critical State, Say Physicians.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The improvement in the condition of former Speaker Thomas B. Reed, noted in the physicians' bulletin yesterday, continued during the day, although they say it is still critical.

The physicians say that Mr. Reed's recovery at best will be slow. For precautionary reasons the physicians have on hand a quantity of Saline solution and a tank of oxygen, but the the use of neither has been resorted to. The oxygen may be used if this is found necessary, said Dr. Gardner, before leaving the Arlington hotel. Its purpose he said was to oxidize the blood so as to eliminate the poison which may have developed as a result of the uraemic disorders. Dr. Bishop, Dr. Gardner's assistant remained in charge of the patient during the night.

Ohio Mothers' Congress.

Columbus, O., Dec. 6.—The Ohio Mothers' Congress closed its annual convention here yesterday, after electing the following officers: President, Mrs. Joseph A. Jeffrey, Columbus; recording secretary, Mrs. Martin Strieberger, Cleveland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. F. Harris, Columbus; Auditors, Mrs. N. Coe Stuart, Cleveland; treasurer; Miss Ellen Jones, Toledo. The next convention will be held at Cleveland, in October, 1903.

Syndicate to Furnish Gold.

Mexico City, Dec. 6.—It is reiterated that a powerful New York syndicate is disposed to furnish the government with sufficient gold to establish firmly a gold standard here. The sum named is $50,000,000. Some local bankers think half of that amount would be ample. There is a strong sentiment in favor of retaining the silver dollars, although giving them a nominal value.

Death Under Walls.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 6.—A large section of the brick wall of Bittner, Hunsicker & Co.'s store, which was being torn down Wednesday morning, was blown down by the high wind yesterday afternoon, crushing Bittner, senior member of the firm, and Chas. O. Helwig, a [illegible] who were taking [illegible] preparatory to rebuilding [illegible]. Helwig was killed outright. Bittner is still living, but in a critical condition.

DUN'S WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Irregularity in the Iron and Steel Market—Business Activity Exceeds Previous Years.

New York, Dec. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly review, issued to-day, says in part:

Aside from the interruption to retail trade in winter goods at many points by unseasonable weather, business activity continues in excess of previous years, and it is probable that all the postponed trade will be made up now that low temperature has been general. While the warmest November on record at the east affected sales of clothing, it helped to restore the fuel equilibrium. Manufacturing plants are well engaged, and an evidence of the successful season is found in much larger Fall River dividends.

The course of commodity prices is shown by Dun's index number, which was $100,449 on December 1, against $99.579 on November 1, and $101,378 on December 1, 1901. Higher prices for dairy and garden products account for the rise during November, but it is particularly gratifying to the consumer that the present level is nearly 1 per cent lower than at the corresponding date last year. This change is also in foodstuffs, where the cost of living was abnormally expanded by short crops in 1901.

Reorder demands for lightweight woolens are limited, and there is much conservatism in placing spring business because of the slowness with which seasonable goods are moving, owing to heavy initial orders. However, mills are busy. A further advance in raw wool gives a better value to the finished product, but selling prices are without alteration.

Irregularity is reported in the iron and steel market, most departments having much business, while a few are seeking new orders and seem disposed to make slight concessions. Stability is naturally most conspicuous in those divisions where it has been possible to prevent inflation, while in cases of extreme pressure and high premiums for early delivery, the imports that have been attracted hither have a demoralizing influence. In view of the scarcity of coke, it is not easy for domestic producers to meet this foreign competition, and when any material reduction is made it may be found that foreign concerns will also cut prices. Thus far, however, only a slight tendency is noted in the direction of cheaper iron, and in such products as steel rails and structural material the consumer cannot hope for early concessions. As it is well known that much business is held back by high prices, there is no prospect of dullness in the near future. Any decided reduction of quotations would bring out these posponed orders. Consequently the only disturbing feature in this industry continues to be the inadequate supply of fuel, and even the most sanguine do not anticipate a return of normal conditions before spring.

Farm products are remarkably well sustained, considering the liberal quantities moving to market.

FAST APPROACHING.

Crisis Between Venezuela and Germany and England Cannot Be Long Averted.

UNITED STATES IS WATCHFUL.

With Fleets of Powers Hovering Outside Venezuelan Ports International Complications Might Be Precipitated by a Blunder—Foreign Notes.

Washington, Dec. 6.—When the fast approaching crisis between Venezuela and Germany and England, who are preparing to coerce the South American republic into the payment of her international obligations, arrives, the moral influence of the United States will probably be thrown toward a peaceful settlement of the difficulty. While there is no objection on the part of this government to the forcible collection of the debt on the lines of procedure already proposed by Germany, there is a strong feeling that the United States would do well to go far in using its good offices to avert the imminent embroglio.

With powerful fleets of German and English warships hovering outside Venezuelan ports, international complications might easily be precipitated by a blunder on the part of a commander. The South American situation, involved as it is with the Monroe doctrine is extremely delicate and an international blunder, even though followed by no serious result, would be harmful to the policies of the United States.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 6.—The German cruisers Gazelle and Panther and the German training ship Stosch have arrived at Willemsted, island of Curacao.

GERMAN BLOW AT AMERICA.

Reichstag Resolutions Portend Commercial War.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Baron Heyl von Herrensheim, Count von Kanitz and Baron von Wardorff, together with 64 Conservative, National-Liberal and Anti-Semite members of the reichstag, introduced a resolution yesterday directly aimed at the United States.

The resolution asks Chancellor von Buelow, before renewing the commercial treaties, to serve notice on any country not giving German goods fair reciprocity treatment that the existing most favored nation privileges will be discontinued in its case when the general commercial treaties are renewed.

Liberal critics point out that if the above leads to a tariff war Germany will get worsted, since the United States is able to get manufactured goods from England and France, which Germany is now supplying, whereas Germany must have American raw materials, petroleum, etc.

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Gold in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6.—Throughout the city yesterday afternoon there were 100 men washing gold out of gravel taken from Indianapolis streets. The whole excitement is due to the statement made public yesterday morning by R. L. Royce, a western gold prospector. Royce asserts that the dirt will run from 15 cents a cubic yard on the surface to 50 cents a cubic yard further down.

Told Her Frankly.

Edith—Tell me frankly, George, if you were a rich man do you think you would ask me to marry you?

George—I don't think it would be necessary, Edith. In that case you would probably do the asking!

Steamer Burned.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The steamer Saxon, of the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship company, was burned at her dock at midnight last night. The vessel is a total loss. The fire originated in the engine room, and Captain Briggs and the crew of 21 men aided the local fire department in fighting the flames.

The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL	
Wheat	72
Loose hay, per ton	$8–$10
Baled hay	$11 00
Straw, per ton	$5 00 6 00
Corn (new)	45–50
Corn (old)	70
Oats (new)	30–32
Clover Seed	4 00–5 05
Salt, per barrel	$ 1 00
Timothy Seed	1 50
Rye, per bu	50
Barley	50
Flax seed	1 50
Wool (best medium)	13–20
Wool (fine)	12–14
The following are retail prices:	
Bran, per 100 lbs	1 10
Middlings, per 100 lbs	1 20
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.	
Apples	50–60
Potatoes, per bushel	40–45
White beans	2 25
BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY	
Butter	22–24
Eggs (fresh)	24
Spring Chickens, live per lb	10
Chickens, dressed per lb	12½
Turkeys, dressed, 14c; Live	11
MEATS AND CHEESE.	
Ham	13
Shoulder	11
Lard	1

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CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Treaty Will be Signed Early Next Week.

Havana, Dec. 6.—After a conference with Secretaries Zaldo and Montes last night, President Palma said: "My commissioners Senors Zaldo and Montes will sign the reciprocity agreement with Gen Bliss probably on Monday or Tuesday next. It will then be sent to Washington, where the treaty will be signed by Secretary Hay and the Cuban minister, Quesada. After confirmation by the United States senate it will send the treaty to Cuba for approval. I will not send it to the house of representatives, because the executive has with the approval of the senate the right according to the constitution to make a treaty which does not affect the tariff."

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Notice

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Auditor of Stark County, Ohio, on or before noon of the 27th day of December, 1902, for the furnishing of labor and materials for the super-structure of the Woman's Cottage at the Stark County Infirmary, excepting the plumbing and heating, according to the drawings and specifications on file in the Auditor's office. Each bid to specify the separate kind of trade, mechanical labor and materials entering into the same, together with the price thereof. Each bid also to set forth the sum in the aggregate for which said labor will be performed, and the materials furnished.

Each proposal to be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000), made payable to the Commissioners of Stark County, on condition that if after being duly notified that a bidder has been awarded a contract for the whole or any part of said work, or for the furnishing of said materials, that such bidder will enter into a contract with the Commissioners of Stark County for the performance of said labor or for the furnishing of said materials; and if any bidder shall fail to so enter into a contract, then said certified check for Two Thousand Dollars to be forfeited to the Commissioners of Stark County for the use of said Stark County. Otherwise the same to be returned to the bidder.

The Commissioners reserve the right to require of any bidder who shall receive a contract or contracts to furnish a surety company bond for the faithful performance of his work or for the furnishing of said materials.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Also to select the different or separate bids for labor and materials appearing in the different bids, or any one of them, or to award a contract either in whole or in part for said work, as said Commissioners in their discretion, shall desire.

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DEVOTED TO BILLS.

House Passes Measure to Adjudicate Importations of Steel Blooms From 1879-1882.

STEP TO IMPROVE OHIO RIVER

Treaty for Construction of Panama Canal Cannot Be Ratified by Colombian Congress Before June 1 Next. General Washington News.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house devoted yesterday to bills on the private calendar. The most important bill passed was one to adjudicate in the court of claims the claims of certain importers of steel blooms who between 1879 to 1882 paid customs duties equivalent to 45 per cent ad valorem, when it was claimed the correct rate should have been 30 per cent. About $350,000 is involved. A bill to pay Smithmeyer and Pelz, architects of the congressional library, $50,000 additional compensation was defeated. A bill was passed authorizing the following persons to accept presents and decorations from foreign governments:

Captain B. H. McCalla, U. S. N.; Doctors Eugene Wasdin and H. O. Geddings, U. S. M. H. S.; Henry E. Alford, W. A. Taylor, H. W. Wiley, M. A. Carleton and John I. Shulte, of the department of agriculture; John A. Okerman, of the Mississippi river commission; Casper S. Crowninshield, United States commercial agent; Miss Anna Tolman Smith and Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Phipps.

At 4:05 p. m. the house adjourned until to-day.

Ohio River Improvement Bill.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Bromwell, of Ohio, with a view of securing a minimum of a nine-foot stage of water in the Ohio river, yesterday introduced a bill appropriating $200,000 for the survey of the river from the mouth of Big Miami to the mouth of the Ohio.

This is the first step necessary to the great improvement that is being urged by the Ohio Valley Improvement association. It is stipulated in the resolution that the report shall be ready by November 1, 1903, in order that the president may discuss the Ohio river improvement in his annual message to congress.

Vice President Albert Bettinger and Secretary E. P. Wilson, of the Ohio Valley Improvement association, yesterday called upon Chairman T. E. Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee, and asked his support in the movement to make the Ohio navigable the entire year. They did not receive much encouragement from Mr. Burton, who is not in favor of the project.

He asked his visitors if they realized that they were asking for an appropriation of about $6,000,000 a year for 10 years, when the total appropriations of the rivers and harbors committee amounted to only about $25,000,000 a year.

They replied that they were aware of what their proposition meant, but that they were justified in making the request, in view of the enormous advantages to the whole country that would follow.

Panama Canal Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 6.—If Minister Hart, at Bogota, is correctly informed, no treaty providing for the construction of the Panama canal can be ratified by the Colombian congress before about June 1 next. He has reported that the congressional elections have been called for the middle of next March, and Colombians here say that a period of at least 60 days is required to assemble a newly-elected congress and then some time must elapse before it is in working order. Secretary Hay therefore has decided to allow the treaty to be ratified in Washington first, presuming that he succeeds in negotiating one, unless the senate interposes an objection, which is not anticipated. It is expected that early next week Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge here, will be given all the powers necessary for him to sign a treaty.

Meeting of Cabinet.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The cabinet was in session for an hour and a half yesterday. All the members were present except Attorney General Knox and Secretary Root. Secretary Hay brought to the attention of the president and the cabinet the most important business discussed. Secretary Hay also called attention to what promises to be a serious hitch in the negotiations at Havana of a Cuban reciprocity treaty. The appointments of 25 postmasters were decided upon, the most important of which is that of William H. Tucker, to be reappointed as postmaster at Toledo, O.

Millionaire Goes to Penitentiary.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—After two days of trial, Charles J. Denny, the millionaire brewer and director in the Suburban Street Railway company, formerly a member of the house of delegates, charged with perjury in connection with the Suburban bill on the boodle deal, was found guilty early yesterday evening, and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary. The only defense offered by Judge Krum, attorney for Denny, was testimony in behalf of the defendant's good character.

Got Fifteen Years.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—George Dinkinson, alias Wescott, the burglar who was arrested about ten days ago after a desperate fight with a policeman, and who was discovered by detectives to be a robber by night and a business man by day, was tried and convicted yesterday and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. The police accused Dickinson of nearly sixty robberies, but could secure legal evidence in but 25 cases. It is said nearly $10,000 worth of Dickinson's loot was recovered by the police.

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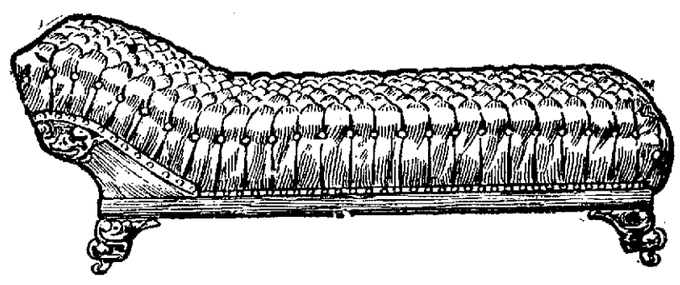

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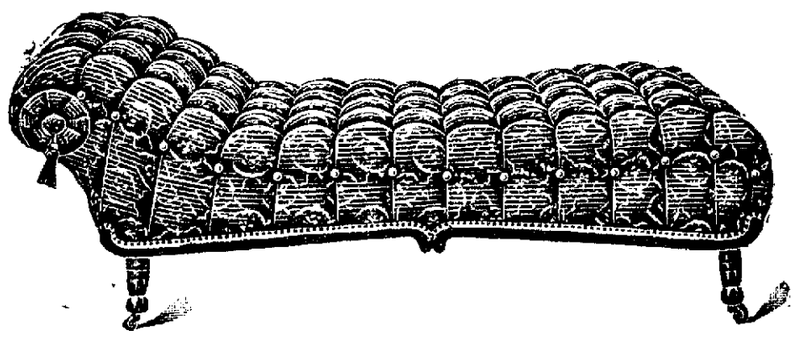

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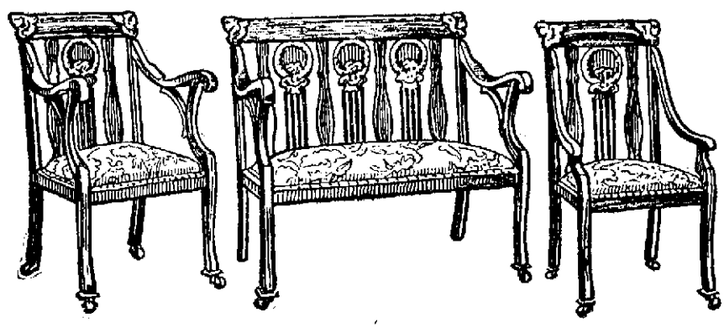

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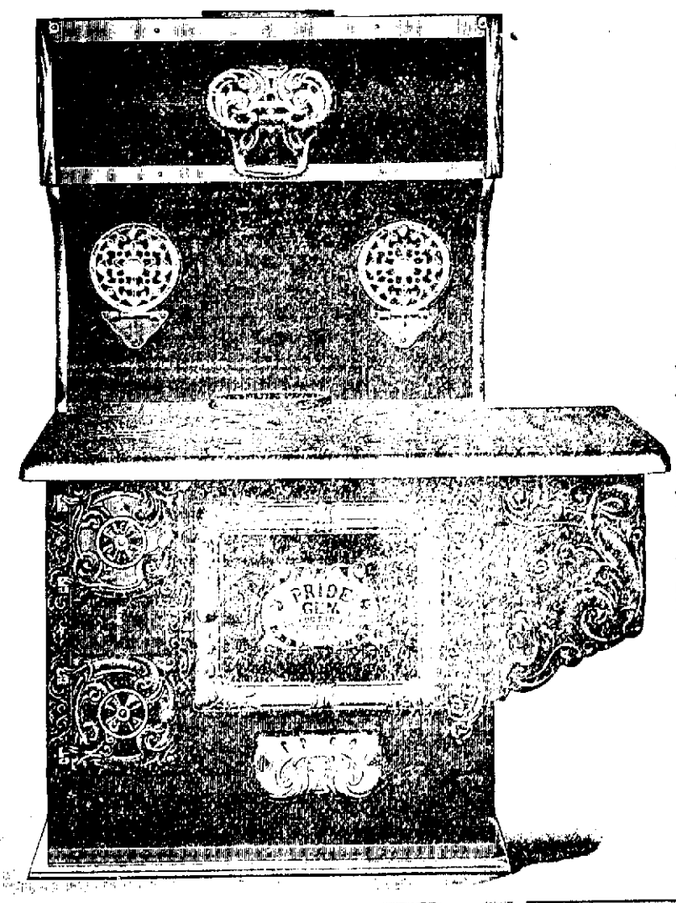

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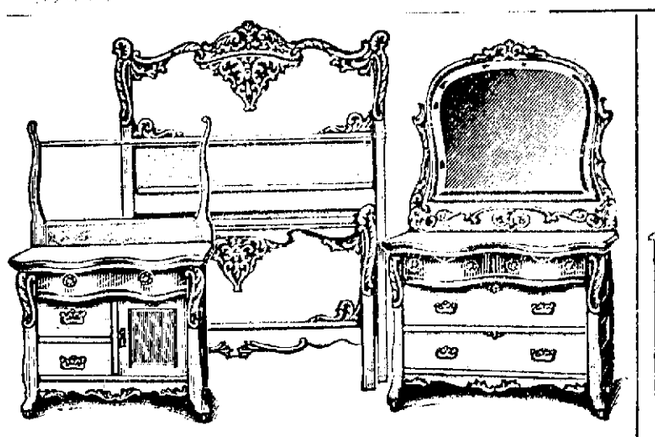

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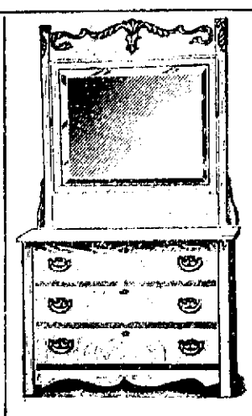

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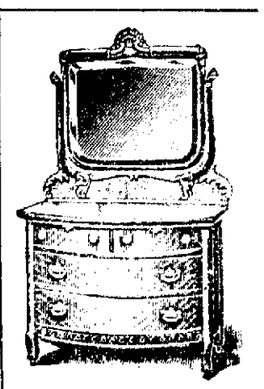

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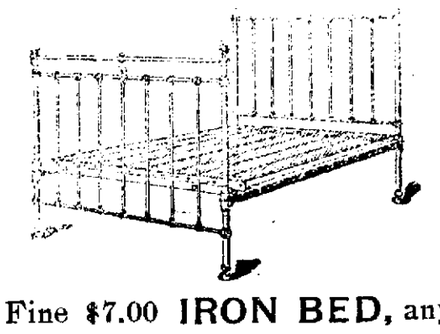

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

W. J. Austin, of Cleveland, is visiting at the residence of the Rev. L. H. Stewart, in North street.

Philip Katz, of Ragersville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs Henry Gribble, in East Main street.

A Tuscarawas county commissioner says that county annually pays out about eight thousand dollars for sheep killed by worthless dogs.

The annual meeting of the Ohio State Horticultural society will be held in the armory at Clyde on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 16, 17 and 18.

The forty eighth annual celebration of Jackson's birthday will be held in Wooster on Thursday, January 8. Judge Robert L. Adair will be president of the evening.

A new special delivery stamp will be issued by the government in a few weeks. Instead of a boy running on foot the design will be changed to a boy on a bicycle. The color will also be changed.

James Hoopes, of Alliance, charged by Deputy Game Warden McArtor with having a red bird in his possession, was found not guilty. The costs in the case amount to nearly two hundred dollars, which must be paid by the county.

Miss Corns, secretary of the Massillon Needlework Guild, has received from Mrs. Fanny Harsh Pierce, of Dayton, a check for $100 for the poor of Massillon. Mrs. Pierce is a granddaughter of the late George Harsh. She has made an annual donation of this kind for several years.

Secretary of State L. C. Laylin has decided that the old ward lines must be observed until after the general election in April, next. The decision was rendered in response to an inquiry from Youngstown, where an election to decide upon a proposed issuance of bonds is to be held.

Charges have been preferred against Prison Keeper Washer, of Akron, for keeping a man in a cell for eighteen hours, without medical attendance, who was suffering from concussion of the brain. The man had been badly injured while alighting from a street car, and was locked up as a common drunk.

Dean Champion, of Massillon, and Miss Olive I. Cahill, of Trenton avenue, Uhrichsville, were quietly married Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, at the Uhrichsville M. E. parsonage by the Rev. J. R. Keyes, D. D. The bride is well known in the twin cities and has the best wishes of many friends for a long and happy wedded life.—Uhrichsville Chronicle.

A grand treat is in store for many of the employes of the W. & L. E. shops at Norwalk, for, according to reports, the company has about completed arrangements to purchase 125 annual tickets in the Young Men's Library and Reading Room Association of this city, the same to be distributed among the shop employes with the company's compliments.—Nowalk Reflector.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. A. Withington, of Cleveland, took place from the Kirkpatrick residence, corner of North and East streets, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Jones, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, of Cleveland, officiated. The pallbearers were: D Purdy, L. N. Purdy, V R. Purdy and W. M. Purdy, of Cleveland; J. W. Schuckers, of North Lawrence, and J. M Schuckers, of this city Interment was made in Massillon cemetery.

A new poison law goes into effect January 1, 1903, replacing the former poison law, the poison label law and the morphine law. The law provides that any person selling poison shall record the sale in a book, the name of the poison, the quantity delivered the purpose for which it is alleged to be used, the date of delivery, the name and address of the purchaser and the name of the dispenser. This book must be kept for five years and is subject to inspection by officers of the law. Each package must be labeled "poison."

A party of Navarre young people, drawn by a four horse team, drove out to the home of Miss Lizzie Burns, south of the village, Thursday evening. The time passed so pleasantly that it was 2 a. m. before anyone thought of going home. By this time the snow storm had begun and the teamster in charge of the conveyance refused to start. Miss Burns, accordingly, made her guests comfortable for the remainder of the night. The party reached Navarre at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

The Misses Dieterich entertained a large party of ladies at their South East street residence Thursday afternoon with progressive euchre. Seven tables were occupied. The prizes, a silver bon bon dish and a silver bon bon spoon, were won by Mrs. Maurice R. Bissell and Mrs. Ralph Pocock, respectively. Supper was served on the card tables after the game. Among the guests present from out of town were Mrs. Warrington K. L. Warwick, of Pittsburg; Mrs. William N. Thornburg, of Detroit, Mrs. Park Robinson, of Akron; Miss Evans, of Thompson, Conn., and Miss Anna Louise Jarvis, of Tampa, Fla.

Rachel Callahan has been committed to the state hospital for the insane. Pobate Judge Aungst, in compliance with the verdict of the jury which declared her insane, made an entry to that effect upon the records at the probate office in order that she might be sent to the institution. Before leaving the jail, however, she wrote a letter to Prosecutor Day in which she said she would rather go into oblivion than to the asylum. She complimented the prosecutor so highly in the epistle that he refused to give it out for publication.—Canton News-Democrat.

SALE OF COAL MINES.

Railroad Companies Will Buy Out Independent Operators.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—Recent events have given ground for the belief that the result of the negotiations now in progress will be the ultimate sale of the properties of the individual operators to the large coal carrying companies. This will not be done at once, but it is regarded here as certain to come in the no distant future, because it is believed to be the only solution of the present situation, and is the outcome which both the independents and the large companies desire.

It is estimated that the colleries of the sixty-seven individual companies can be purchased for $145,000,000. These operations produce three-tenths of the total output of coal.

PATRONS OF INDUSTRY.

Thirteenth Annual Convention in Session.

Bellville, Dec. 6.—The Patrons of Industry of Ohio are holding their thirteenth annual convention with two hundred delegates from the various branches in the state present. W. D. Ditmers, of Hard, grand president of the association, called the meeting to order.

Congress will be petitioned for an extension of rural delivery; for amendment to federal constitution that securities, corporations and trusts to be regulated and controlled; for further reforms in taxation; for the election of United States senators by popular vote; for reciprocity wherever it will enlarge the sale of farm products; for improvement of roads and rural schools and for uniform pure food laws.

AN EXPENSIVE WORKHOUSE.

Expenditures Exceed Receipts By Nearly $700.

Canton, Dec. 6.—The report of Superintendent Yarger and the board of directors of the Stark county workhouse for the month of November was filed with the county commissioners Saturday morning. The report shows the number of prisoners remaining to be 86; the number discharged during the month 48, and the average 81. The total expenditures amounted to $1,298 65 and the receipts to $617, which shows the cost of maintaining the institution over the earnings of the month to amount to $681 65.

NEARBY TOWNS.

NAVARRE.

Navarre, Dec. 6.—Miss Myrta McCartney and Henry McCartney, of Sherodsville, are guests at the home of Miss Lina Smith.

Miss May Machaman, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting Mr and Mrs. Frank Mercer in this village.

SAFETY IN MARRIAGE.

From the jail statistics of the state of Ohio for the last year:

Number of arrests: Males, 10,441; females, 876. Number of married men arrested, 2,874; of unmarried men arrested, 6,278.

The text is its own sufficient commentary.—New York Sun.

Statistics of failures during November disclose no weakness in the industrial structure. On the contrary, there is every evidence of strength.

Seamen Thank President.

Milwaukee, Dec. 6.—The International Seamen's Union was in annual session here yesterday. The most important business was the report of the legislative committee, which, realizing the weight of the statements made by President Roosevelt in his message to congress regarding the scarcity of seamen, took occasion to emphasize the need of protection for the American seamen from Mongolian and other foreign competition upon the Oriental and other foreign boat lines. Resolutions of thanks to the president for his defense of the seamen were adopted.

Charged with Manslaughter.

Chicago, Dec. 6—Fred A. Smith, proprietor of the Lincoln hotel, in which 14 men were smothered to death Thursday night, and Night Clerk E. C. Weber were arraigned in the Harrison street police court yesterday morning on a charge of manslaughter as accessories before the fact. The men were arrested Thursday evening at the instigation of Coroner Traeger and Chief of Police O'Neil. Alderman John J. Brennan signed bail bonds for their appearance and they were in custody but a short time.

COURT ASSIGNMENTS.

Thirty-One Cases for Trial Next Week.

Canton, Dec. 6.—The following assignments have been made for next week's sessions of common pleas court, with Judge Harter presiding in court room No. 1 and Judge Ambler in court room No. 2:

COURT ROOM NO. 1.

Monday, December 8 — Forenoon, hearing motion docket; Fleischer vs Bloomberg Brothers; State of Ohio vs John Young.

Tuesday—Ohio vs Bowers; Ohio vs Herman Mirre; Ohio vs Edgar Umstead; Ohio vs Hiram Faulk.

Wednesday—Rauch vs Nusley et al; Hair vs Nofsinger; Shuman vs Emmerman.

Thursday—Ohio, on complaint of Long, vs King; Wentling vs Canton-Akron Railway Company.

Friday—Gallo vs Pennsylvania Company; Rice vs Biechele.

COURT ROOM NO. 2.

Monday, December 8 — Forenoon, hearing motion docket; Lehman vs Bockius; Davis vs Markley et al; Marshall vs Perry et al; Evans vs Hay.

Tuesday—Reemsnyder vs Reemsnyder; Brown vs Schwauter; Andrews vs Barker et al; Rinzenbrink vs Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company.

Wednesday — Stull vs Strachan; Pratt et al vs Cross; McKinney vs Canton-Sparta Brick Company; Mason vs Pennsylania Cmpany.

Thursday—I. Harter & Sons vs Henry et al; Listman Milling Company vs Cook et al; Ohio—Warwick vs Adley.

Friday—Adams vs Robin et al; Deal vs C., A. & C. I. & M. Company; Massillon vs Pennsylania Company.

WAGES WILL BE ADVANCED.

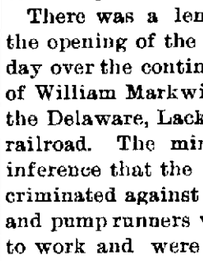
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—The character of the testimony given by the miners has made a strong impression on the commissioners and the little lights on the home life of the miners have been the strongest argument advanced so far for a raise in wages. In fact both sides to the issue admit that the wages will be raised, but the amount of such advance can only be conjectured. It is not unlikely that counsel may come to some satisfactory agreement on the question and present it to the committee for adoption in their award. The frequent talk of a general settlement seems to have little foundation of fact. Counsel Darrow has promised some sensational testimony later in the week.

There was a lengthy argument at the opening of the proceedings yesterday over the continuance of testimony of William Markwick, an engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. The miners' counsel gave inference that the companies had discriminated against engineers, firemen and pump runners when they returned to work and were told their places were filled.

The Rev. James Moore, a Methodist minister of Avoca, said he had seen children enter the breaker so small that they could hardly carry their dinner pails. During the strike he said the people barely existed. Dr. Moore said he had only seen one drunken man during the strike and he corroborated Father Hussie's statement that he had never seen a more peaceful region. Dr. Moore said he had made speeches in favor of the miners because he had found after ten thousand pastoral visits in twenty years to miners' homes that the family needs demanded more money.

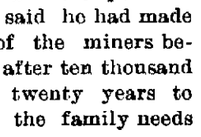
Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.



Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of **Swamp-Root** is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.



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THE MONEY AND STOCK MARKET.

Day's Trading Was Small and Without Significance Dull

New York, Dec. 6.—The various restrictive influences which have brought down the volume of activity in the stock market had an additional yesterday in the stormy weather. The net results of the day's trading were extremely small. The market was really without significance.

So far as the sentiment of the day was manifest, the anxiety over the future of the money market was still evident. The forecast of the weekly bank statement fully justified this feeling. The banks have apparently lost nearly $7,000,000 from their cash reserves during the week. It will be remembered that last week's loss was understated in the bank statement by nearly $2,000,000 by reason of the working of the average system of computation. The movement of currency has been in favor of the interior again to the extent of nearly $900,000, including the deposits at the sub-treasury for telegraphic transfer to the interior. The balance of the loss is made up of customs and internal revenue payments and the $1,000,000 exported to South America. There is the usual obscurity regarding the changes in the loan item of the banks. There has been nothing in the stock market to indicate extensive liquidation of loans. The change in that item is likely to depend on syndicate operations and on movements in the foreign exchange market. Tension in the time money market has appreciably grown during the week, but call loan rates showed a tendency to relax yesterday. This was partly due to the lightness of the demand. The week's exports of grain show a rising tendency, promising some relief from that source for the foreign exchange situation.

The bond market was dull and irregular. Total sales par value, $1,715,000.

United States Bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

WRECKS BY SEVERE STORMS.

Four-Masted Schooner Wesley M. Oler Ashore and Crew Supposed Lost.

Hatteras, N. C., Dec. 6.—The observer of the weather bureau reports that the four-masted schooner Wesley M. Oler went ashore at Hatteras inlet life saving station early yesterday morning during the storm. She was pounding in the surf about a mile off shore until 8:20 a. m., when the foremast went over, carrying probably the last man. Almost immediately the vessel went to pieces. The life saving crew could do nothing to save the crew. No bodies have been washed ashore yet.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 6.—Reports received at Norfolk last night are to the effect that none of the ill-fated schooner Wesley M. Oler's crew escaped. Only one chance of a rescue is known. The German steamer Koln, from Bremen to Baltimore, reported the crew of an abandoned schooner aboard while entering the Capes yesterday.

The three-masted schooners William D. Hilton and Melville Phillips, with several smaller craft, were blown ashore in the harbor and lower bay by yesterday's gale. The steamer Underwriter, which was towing the Oler from Nassau, has not been heard from and fears are entertained that she foundered in the gale. The crew of the schooner Ida Lawrence abandoned that vessel in a rudderless condition off Hatteras easly yesterday, and was rescued with greatest difficulty by life savers.

Eight Inches of Snow.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Snow to the depth of eight inches has fallen over the entire New England region. The storm apparently was severe in Southwestern New England, where there was considerable wire congestion and delay in railroad traffic. New England received the full benefit of a northwestern gale, which in some places attained a velocity of 40 miles an hour. The only shipwreck reported was that of a schooner, which ran on Dog Bar breakwater in Gloucester harbor. No lives were lost. A fishing vessel from Boston, the James R. Clark, ran in the breakers off Manchester, Mass., yesterday afternoon, but she is expected to be pulled out of danger. Seven of the twleve men on board landed in safety. A bad railway wreck, due to the storm, occurred at South Ashburnham, in which one brakeman was killed and another fatally injured.

Destruction in Hampton Roads.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 6.—The terrific storm of wind and rain that struck this section early yesterday morning was the most destructive known in Hampton Roads in some time. One life was lost and numerous boats have been torn from their moorings and beached. Others firmly anchored have been filled and sunk. The only victim known so far is a colored man, who was drowned.

Barges Broke Adrift.

New York, Dec. 6.—During the storm yesterday several barges that were being towed up the river broke adrift near Yonkers and one of them sank. Three brothers were on the barge that sank. One was drowned, and the two others were found on the beach in an unconscious condition.

Frank L. Doane Dead.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 6.—A special from Nogales says: Frank L. Doane, collector of United States customs at the Port of Nogales, died yesterday of typhoid pneumonia. Doane was a son of Ex-Congressman Doane, of Ohio.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Ohio—Fair to-day, except snow flurries along the lake. To-morrow fair; fresh, west winds, diminishing.

Western Pennsylvania—Snow flurries to-day. To-morrow fair; fresh, west to northwest winds.

West Virginia—Fair to-day and to-morrow.

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About Ready. The Entire North Room on the Second Floor Devoted to This Holiday Exhibit.

Many lines are priced and ready for the selling—others are being opened every day.

Make Your Selections Now,

We will take care of them until you want them.

Watch This Space For Special Features.

Our Holiday Offering is so much larger and more varied this season that it takes much longer in the detail of preparing it for sale than usual. However, everything will be on sale Saturday, December 6th, 1902.

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INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMNS

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired help wanted, situations wanted, real estate bulletins and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m. to insure insertion the same day. Three publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents.

WANTED.

COOK—Good cook at Mrs. J. H McLain's, 187 E. South St.

DISHWASHER at Massillon Hotel.

EVERY man and woman in the city of Massillon and vicinity to know that The Model Protective Association of America is a fraternal insurance order, model in every respect, with its affairs in the hands of experienced business men of Massillon. Good energetic solicitors are desired. For full particulars address The Model Protective Association of America, Massillon Ohio.

FARM HAND by the month or year; good wages paid to right party. Inquire at this office.

GIRL for general housework. Call at 24 N. High street after 5 o'clock.

GIRL—Experienced girl for general housework at 138 E. Oak St.

HOUSE—Five or six rooms wanted at once, or by Jan. 1, in east part of city. Young couple, no children. References. C. A. Wilson, C. & A. car barn.

MEN to learn barber trade. Practical training, free work, expert instructions. Eight weeks required. We present tools, pay Saturday wages; guarantee positions. Special inducements to applicants from distance Write today. Moler Barber College, Chicago Ills.

THE Brother Oddfellow who failed to sign the communication sent me Sunday last to send me another with his signature attached. Dan Bouser, Crystal Springs, Ohio.

FOR RENT

HOUSE—Eight-roomed house with all modern convenience, with or without barn. No 102 Cherry St. E. J. Wernet.

HOUSE—Seven-roomed house, 222 E. Main St., second house west of Center street. A. M Wetter.

OFFICE room on second floor, corner Main and Mill streets. Inquire at The Hess, Snyder Company's office.

ROOM—Furnished room for gentleman, at 87 East Tremont Apply Mrs. Clement Russell, at 87 E. Tremont.

ROOMS—Four rooms, city and cistern water and gas, on Water street close to C., L. & W. depot. Inquire of Gust Rhine, cabinet shop, 21 Clay St.

ROOMS Furnished rooms for lodging at 26 Center st., 4 doors from Main St.; reference required.

SIX modern office rooms in the new Schworm building, East Main street. Inquire of G. F. Schworm.

THIRD floor over Coleman Jewelry Store. Enquire at the store.

TWO upper floors of Altekruse building. Inquire of A. M. Wetter.

FOR SALE.

FARM—160-acre farm; 3 miles southwest of Canton, O. Full particulars by I. Conard, Box 345, Massillon, O.

HOUSE—Brick house; all modern conveniences; now building, S. W. Cor. Tremont and East Sts.; will be sold on completion. Warren E. Russell, 25 Prospect St.

HORSE—A good young driving horse. John R Walter, Wooster St., west of city.

HORSE—Cheap. West Side Livery Barn. Wm. Bantz, proprietor

HOUSE—New 6 roomed house on Front street, with bath room complete, stone cellar, city and cistern water, gas for heating and lighting. Possession given as soon as completed. Price $2,200. S. Burd, over 7 E. Main St.

HOUSE—An eight-room house with gas and city water. Two and a half blocks from Public Square, Wooster, Ohio. For particulars address 420 7th st. Barberton, Ohio.

HOUSE—A seven-room house, well, cistern and city water. Gas for heat and light. For particulars inquire at residence, 58 West Tremont street.

HOUSES—Seven room house; one 6-room house (new) on W. Main St; a nice lot on Edwin St.; will be sold cheap if sold soon Call on W. S. Spidle, over 6 South Erie.

LAND—Four acres of land, 5 roomed house, good well and cistern, all necessary outbuildings, plenty of fruit, 2½ miles north of town. Harry M. Walker, R. F. D. No. 3.

NINE good building lots on the Massillon and Canton road, just west of the log cabin. This is a fine location for homes, being within 5 cent limit and provided with natural gas. Sold at $5 to $15 per foot and terms to suit purchasers. W S. Spidle, over 6 S. Erie, or Geo. R. Hankins, Hotel Salier.

PIANO—A newly finished Lester piano, very cheap if sold before Xmas; also a brand new instrument of New York manufacture for $168. Call and see them at Bamerlin Bros., Factory St.

SINGER Sewing Machine and repairs for all machines; all kinds of machines repaired, at W M. John's undertaking room, 45 S. Erie. M. B. Long, general agent.

LOST.

BREASTPIN—On Thanksgiving day, a ladies' breastpin, set with pearls and amethists Finder will be rewarded by returning to No. 117 S. Mill St.

DOG—Very small black female dog, answers to the name of Topsy. Return to 161 North Hill street and receive reward.

FOUND

STICK PIN—Owner can have same by calling on Policeman Getz and paying for ad.

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ROOMS—Four rooms at No. 70 East Main street, suitable for office, dress making or living rooms. Inquire at Diehenn's clothing and shoe store.

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